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The Journal of the A.N.U. Students' Association



David Austen

fiddle foiled at tech

Canberra Technical College with well over 9000 students spread over a number of campus sites and schools is one of the main educational institutions in the Territory. The number of students and lack of a social focus gave rise in 1973 to the idea of a Union. The constitution of Newcastle Tech. (with suitable changes) was proposed and preparations were begun for elections to the Union Board to take place in April this year.

But here comes the clincher. The Union is not to be a solely student affair and the Tech. authorities have their fingers well and truly in the pie. As well as there being a number of administration appointees on the Board the whole situation so far has reeked of interference from above.

Elections to the Board are being arranged by an interim Board set up some six weeks ago. The formation or even existence of this de facto Board were not widely known. The Board, in effect consisted of "those interested enough to come along". The electoral proposals of this "Board" would have been enough to make Bjelke Petersen shudder — a wine and cheese night at Reid Tech. with on the spot voting in a single night. Remember this body is to represent over 9000 people. Ballot boxes, electoral regulations and other useless paraphernalia were, it was explained, too costly.

The Board obviously felt that it would be having to provide piss for a lot fewer than 9243 electors.

The interim Board had also been making its own constitutional amendments without reference to its members. The Vice-Principal admitted that after four weeks there were not even plans for a Returning Officer and that electoral regulations did not even exist.

Fortunately, this state of affairs came to the attention of some Art School students who attempted to mobilise students around this issue before nominations to the elected Board closed.

A pamphlet urging people to attend the Board meeting and vent their dissatisfaction was distributed.

On Thursday 21 March some 30 students interrupted an Interim Board meeting and demanded that certain basic electoral procedures be adhered to. After attempting to adjourn to another room the Principals Board agreed to spread the voting time out over a week, allow postal voting, locate ballot boxes at the various campuses of the Tech — from Belconnen to Woden — and other such democratic outrages.

The fragmentation of the Technical College into numerous campuses and schools plus the general apathy of the students is creating headaches for those who want to ensure that their new Union does not end up as the social club its current Board wants.

It now remains to be seen what the Tech. students will make of these privileges and how soon it will be before the Principal uses his power of veto.

PALESTINE DEBATE

FULL REPORT AND PHOTOS ON BACK PAGE

STOP PRESS

The unaudited financial report of the Union not uncommon in the Union and steps presented to the Union Finance Committee this week posed several sticky questions. According to the report the Bistro managed to lose twenty thousand dollars last year, the refectory twenty nine thousand and the bar six thousand! It is almost impossible to believe but then the stock checks and supervision of various areas in the Union last year are also almost beyond belief.

The Union has found itself in such a financial mess this year that it has had to scream to the University for help. In one of its rare sane decisions University Council agreed that the situation was a complete cock-up and in an amazing display of agility promptly summoned a Sydney firm of auditors who specialise in licensed premises to come and have a cold hard look at what is actually happening to the accounts.

Two factors in relation to the bar have already been uncovered — the first is that bar stores have often been transferred to the functions area and no acknowledgment made which means that the bar should be about four thousand dollars healthier. This practise is

are being made to piss it off.

The second factor is the discovery that over three and a half thousand dollars was delivered to an independent Lyshwick liquor disposer and the bill sent to the Union. Such was the state of affairs last year that this bill was actually paid although no delivery was made!

The whole of the financial report shows that things are not satisfactory in the Union — preliminary forecasts for last year were that the bar would show 10% profit and that the refectory would lose only \$10,000. What went wrong? Is the audit system good enough? Have people had their fingers in the till? Was it plain mismanagement?

These questions must be answered. At this stage I would urge all students to refuse to accept any audit of last years trading until the independent auditors from Sydney have completed their examination.

More copy next week when we have more space and perhaps a few names as well.

Martin Attridge.

Flashes

There's no danger of people who go to Contact turns becoming alcoholics, judging by an invoice received at the Students Association office last week. The invoice read: "One flagon red wine, one flagon white wine, fifty paper cups."

Speaking of drugs, the ANU Marihuana Action Group has finally called its first meeting for April 3rd. Allegations that MAG are generally far too stoned to do anything have been dismissed as uncool.

AUS Friendly Society offers full hospital and medical benefits to students for \$15 a year. The 1974 joining period finishes on March 31st, so you'll have to be quick. Details and forms at the Students Association Office.

Those frayed Economics 1 students you see wandering around the campus are probably worrying about their Warning Exam on April 19th. This quaint custom, devised by the Economics Department for the purpose of "weeding out" students early in the year, is a strong factor in the 50% wastage rate in Economics 1. Students who fail the exam are asked in for a "friendly chat" to see whether they really should be doing Eco 1. The lengths to which the Department goes at times to deny that the 50% wastage is dictated by a harsh internal quota can be quite amusing.

The AUS Regional Conference is being held soon. Allocation of moneys in the AUS Activist Fund will be decided at the Conference. If you are in need of finance for an activity that pertains to the student body generally (Social Action etc), then make your submission to the AUS Committee before April 4th.

The policy of cultural exchange adopted by the Woroni staff this year has resulted in us ripping off stuff from all the other student newspapers that we receive. Best contribution of the week came from a Melbourne paper: "The only difference between a cactus plant and the Administration is that on a cactus plant the pricks are on the outside."

Woroni is the journal of the ANU Students' Association. To be representative of student attitudes we need your aid, get off your arse and put your pen to paper and bring in the consequences to our pleasant aesthetic office. In any case pop along to the office which is in the Students' Association zoo just near the Union Bar, you might be able to learn the delights of laying out copy!

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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY UNION

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Applications from the general membership of the Union are invited to fill the following positions on the Union Committees as listed below:-

House Committee	:	2 positions
Bar Committee	:	1 position
Discipline Committee	:	1 position
Development Committee	:	3 positions

Union members who are members of the Board or are employed by the Union are not eligible to apply.

In addition to the above stipulations, members of the Discipline Committee cannot be members of other Union Committees.

All Nominations are requested to appear before the Board for interview at 7.30 pm on Monday 8th April, when they should be prepared to state their qualifications orally or in writing.

M.T. Wright,
Executive Officer,
Secretary to the Union.

Letters

Dear Sir,

Being a science student with plenty of time to read your latest Woroni (Mar 4th), I have decided to speak up ... i.e. get my say in while I dare.

Usually I start at back pages and my eyes (all 4 of them) fell onto your neat bold type, "Who is this God person?" Not that the article had much to do with God. I'd had that page pointed out to me before by some disturbed christians and I wondered what they were disturbed about.

Anyway I thought, Aha now's my chance to write an article ... why not call it "Who is this God person?" and go tell everyone who I think he is? i.e. what I would have liked to read under that heading.

Well people here it is. (Please don't send me back any rejection slips - I got 3 already ... from Women's Weekly ...ugh), Melchen.

I think I'm qualified to write this from other people's point of view - I went to Church when I was young, even joined a fellowship (even if I dropped out later because it was clique-y). Back at home in the Big Smog (Sydney, where else?) we used to listen to the radio on Sunday for their religious programs. Later on when I was a teenager I was still going to church (and dragging Big Sister and parents along because they were my means of transport). And most of the time on weekdays we'd get Garmer Ted Armstrong at night.

My most vivid memories of him are when my parents would be arguing at the top of their lungs with the radio going nearly full blast with G.T.A. You used to be able to hear really good arguments about 3 doors up the street. I remember going out the front door and up the street till I couldn't hear them - 3 doors up. Sometimes I think he just

was a background voice. People get background music for their lovemaking ... my parents got G.T.A. for their arguments.

When I dropped out of church, my sister was a confirmed agnostic and my parents were always too tired to go (excuses, excuses). She got involved with a lay preacher i.e. went and lived with him, telling the parents she was sharing the house. It wasn't terribly lay preacherish but he did tell me once he'd never preached about going to bed with anyone you wanted. He was helping on a coffee house so I went along. And kept going along. Then I dropped out because I came here. That was last year.

The trouble is with coffee houses is that if they aren't being broken into and getting their amplifying equipment stolen (usually they bring some one along to sing each week you see), there's people who want to stir them up, then they have to get the police and the stirrers think less of them for that.

When I came here I went to Fred's Coffee House in O Week then it wasn't on or some thing. Anyway I made excuses to myself that I had to Sit Down And Study. In between hopping in and out of bed with guys that is (Big Sister's example). I've even got to sit down and remember how many now ...

Being a bit naive I didn't use protection so after a certain period of worrying coinciding with the end of the Financial year, I came to the conclusion that it would be nice worrying if I was pregnant. So I sat down and bargained with God - God if my periods come I'll be a Christian i.e. give up going to bed with guys, take a vow of chastity.

After a little talk with Contact to get some reassurance, I went up to the medical service. Yes folks, they've even got pills to make your periods come ... provided you weren't pregnant in the beginning. Provided you got bread too - they cost a lot for 2 pills ... but maybe the NHS has changed all that.

Well my periods came and you people are probably getting terribly sick of me raving on about my sexual activities.

Anyway they came and I wasn't worried or feeling suicidal any more. Great relief.

Then came the hard bit - keeping my famous vow of chastity. I've heard it said that once you start sex, it's hard to stop. People imply, impossible to stop. Well I stopped. But it was sure a great strain.

It gets into a sort of habit doing it regular, or reasonably regular. And we all know habits are hard to break, at least I hope so. You start looking at people as bodiegs too ... how would they be like in bed? sort of.

When withdrawal symptoms come on (comparing it to drugs, that is) they really come on. Guy comes up to your room and you know what will happen if you open the door; the guy's sitting on the bed because there's nowhere else to sit - you've got to say no when you've always said yes; you're just sitting doing nothing by yourself when suddenly you feel like going out and picking up anyone and doing it.

Meanwhile, back at the old claustrophobic college room ... I started reading through Luke I think. (For you un-enlightened people, Luke is not a person. It's a book in the New Testament. Gospel if you want to be correct). Honesty, people must be morons if they can get through any of the gospels without twitching or at least admiring that guy. Jesus that is.

Just comes up to someone who really wants their withered hand put back and zap! it's OK again. Got these Temple Heavies muttering about him behind his back and he doesn't hit back. Just goes on telling people about love for enemies i.e. the Temple Heavies, and being nice to people. And feeling nice when you're being nice. And his parables ... wow, he must have been pretty quick witted to think them up. And then when he's being condemned and killed, he puts up such a good performance. You just can't help admiring the guy.

OK? So what if you don't agree? Did you read it with an open mind? Never mind ... some people tell you to shut up before you get to the end. It would please the scandalous side of you to know that Jesus' dad tried to divorce his mum when he found out she was

carrying Jesus. Or call off the engagement. It all depends which translation you pick up and read.

After a few months, I got over all the withdrawal symptoms. And I wouldn't start it all again. Not for anything. Not if I had to stop it again and that's pretty inevitable with most guys you meet. It's just not worth going through it again. For me at any rate. As well as me being a Christian.

Anyway this is supposed to be about God and what I think of him ...

Well I became a Christian after all that bargaining with God. And I reckon I've changed because of it. I feel as if I've grown up and I can see myself from outside myself, sort of.

I came home in the holidays and all of a sudden I could understand how the parents felt about things, (which is pretty twisted in some cases). I'd never understood why they were so fussy about this and that but then I understood. God opens up your intelligent little mind.

He made me free too. Before, I'd say OK to a guy and we'd rush off to the nearest horizontal position. But really I only did it to please him. And I didn't mind being the Girlfriend sitting next to him. His possession, his conquest. Now I mind and I feel good minding. It's Liberation for me because instead of wanting to please people, you please God. He doesn't use and abuse you or show you off.

And Christianity and Women's Lib do go together. That's if you take Women's Lib as liberation of the stereotyped woman into a real living person. God makes you realise you're not a thing but a person. Things can't understand and love and communicate but people can.

I guess that's the difference, basically - that God takes you out of the prison in your soul and sets you free. Here you are running in your vicious little circles and he says to you, "You're running in vicious circles" and you say "Oh" and start running in positive straight lines.

And it's great to run somewhere instead of nowhere.

Melchen

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Standing Committee of Council meeting

THE AUS COMMITTEE

On Tuesday the 12th the AUS Committee met for the first time this year. Some of the major issues discussed were the coming Education Campaign on this campus and the part the committee could play. Student rights and the possible formation of a high school student union in the ACT also featured. In addition to this, the committee is at present planning a combined AUS Travel and AUS Week in the near future. Those of you that are interested in helping in this activity are urged to contact Brutus O'Dowd, the Local Travel Officer for details.

With regard to the Education Campaign it was resolved to hold an educational seminar at which various academics would be given the opportunity to comment on some of the proposals put forward by the ANUSA and the Education Committee.

It is the purpose of the AUS Committee to ensure that all relevant national policies and directives of AUS be implemented on a local level. It is also the function of the committee to ensure that ANUSA policy be brought to a national level through AUS Council, should it bear any relevance to local or regional activities. To implement these objectives the committee must, in essence, extend itself beyond its meetings and go out and encourage and/or support activities that have potential national or regional relevance to AUS. Therefore, it is essential that we receive your comments and suggestions in regard to AUS in general or to this committee. The committee meetings are open to all and will be advertised in Bulisheet.

Michael Gill,
Local AUS Secretary.

Diary of events

It was a beautiful start to a sunny day. The sun was in the sky when we arrived from Melbourne — 47 in a bus.

Downcast faces after an all night session on the booze. But people soon cheered up on arrival — so many blacks from all over Australia. Hot coffee was soon passed around to the visitors from Melbourne. Then plans were given to them and everyone agreed to the days events.

About 500 milled around the gas works steps and began to jeer the arrival of the big nob. When the biggest nob of all — Gough baby — arrived, the stupid bastards of onlookers cheered. Margie and Gough looked absolutely darling in their gear. It was something way out, man it was right on. Soon a tremor was felt in the ranks of the people. When out of a big black car the Queen of all Queens, Lizzy was there with Philly.

Meanwhile out at a place called Phillip where there lurks a place they call the Aboriginal Affairs office, First Assistant Secretary Moy was told he was under arrest. The black hand of the black

rights had struck. A white made gun was the weapon instead of spears, nulla nullas or boomerangs.

Once more back at the gas works a flag was in the process of being pulled down to be burnt. This pig you see loomed up beside us and grunted, 'You can't do that'. We oinked at him, 'Who are you'. He grunted, 'The Law'.

Back again in the shack they call Aboriginal Affairs office where a lot of whites run things, the riot squad pigs were in force with shields, tear gas (no doubt from the gas works), guns, batons. They commenced to surround one lone black with a gun and two others.

By this time two more gubs (whites) walked in, shit themselves.

Now back at the gasworks. Dicks with ears grabbed Charlie and rushed him out to where this Aboriginal with the gun was. Charlie arrived in due course and went up the stairs to his old office to the gun man. What went on is a blank to me. Being a black I was not allowed in for an interview. This guy with the gun Bob McLeod by name — was under arrest. After taking the [redacted] out, he gave up the gun and went for a scenic drive 7 miles to the pig sty. He was released on \$50 bail and charged with having an unlicensed pistol.

Next day in the courtyard of the pig sty he was fined the grand sum of \$40 and placed on a twelve month bond.

The demo came to a halt and we went to the good ole uni bar for a night on the piss.

Such is a day in the life of an Aboriginal.

Ambrose Golden-Brown.

Conferences Meetings Seminars

ALL YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT THE FOURTH HALL BUT DIDN'T HESITATE TO DENY TO ANYONE WHO ASKED YOU.

And rightly so, as it happens. Note (1) was originally a statement about the opening date, fixed, for April 1; April Fools Day, of course.

Now, try asking one of the builders when you can move in; no-one here knows.

(2) Each room (except for the three double rooms) will be furnished with the normal college study-bedroom furniture (desk, chairs, bookshelves, etc) and one (1) only bed.

(3) The colour scheme of the hall will not be orange and purple! The hall is carpeted throughout with brown carpet tiles and the walls are painted white. Each of the six 'towers' will be furnished in a distinctive colour.

(4) The kitchens in the fourth hall will be adequate for cooking anything from a cup of tea to Coquilles St Jacques. The refrigerators will contain individual locking baskets.

(5) Builders will be working on the unfinished half of the fourth hall for about two months after the first residents move in. They begin work at about 7 am and finish at exactly 4.30pm. By this time they will be putting the finishing touches to the building and should not be intolerably noisy.

(6) The Interim Governing Body will probably not be replaced by an elected

Governing Body until after the June intake, to ensure that all the hall's residents are represented on the Governing Body.

(7) Specific rooms in the fourth hall will originally be allocated by ballot; there will be provisions for anyone so wishing to arrange room changes by swapping.

(8) The fourth hall still lacks an official name; it is known unofficially as Toad Hall.

Hilary Penfold,
Deputy Chairman,
Interim Governing Body,
Fourth Undergraduate Hall of Residence.

Awards and Fellowships.

On March 21 1960 white gangsters, commonly known as the police, shot dead 69 blacks and wounded hundreds more at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa. Ever since then their local equivalents, the ACT police, have gathered on March 21 outside the South African Embassy in silent tribute and envy. This year was no exception and after the unusually poor turnout last year, the white boys in blue certainly turned on an impressive guard of honour for the various thieves, murderers and liars inside. The white gates had been given a new coat of paint in honour of the occasion and a motley crowd of well-wishers gathered to witness this stirring expression of solidarity.

There were some who thought that the removal of the constant police honour-guard outside the South African Embassy coinciding with the advent of the Whitlam regime meant something. This latest police turnout indicates, however, that our latest government is as deeply involved with apartheid as the last one. Speakers were hustled off the roadway by a large as ever police contingent defending the Embassy from the chants of over eighty students, workers and Australian Blacks. The violent basis of the white regime in South Africa was made apparent by the presence of the police and \$ was immediately collected for African Liberation. Repressive forces have been defending racism for a long, long time but, when it comes down to the struggle of people for freedom, we know who is going to win, don't we?

University Council meeting

The Nimbin picnic is still on but now as a registered company. Coordination Cooperative Limited was set up in October 1973 as a result of a movement towards the communal purchase of a substantial tract of earth: 1040 acres entitled Turntable falls. This lies at the head of a valley, the bottom of which is stripped bare except for shade trees, and the sensuous mountains on either side are covered with tall straight timber (Number One...the Larch). The valley is well watered with perennial streams of crystal clear water with an annual fall of 100 inches.

With 320 paid up shareholders another \$50,000 is needed in the next six months

to finalise the purchase. The 50 shareholders now in residence are engaged in such community activities as all-in wrestling, the erection of dwelling domes and the improvement of amenities and pipelines.

There are no philosophical trends evident as yet, but just you wait baby! The main community activity so far seems to be pooling backs — a disgusting practice — and tools, under a recognition that such things are best utilised serving hundreds rather than a single nuclear family. One (or more) is free to participate (or otherwise) in communal activities as and when desired. Parasitical dependency is pissed off smartly.

The Nimbin Caravan an artistic/cultural spree of mammoth dimensions will appear on campus this Friday — March 30th. It could be funny.

Notes from Departments

Hello. There appears to have been some difficulty in getting this newspaper finished. In fact we couldn't find enough to fill a page. So this week the Reporter is being printed conjoined to Woroni, and future issues have been abandoned. Owing to a shortage of space we're going to continue this page with the special article for readers who are interested in foundation garments leatherware and split crotch panties.

Hello all foundation, leather and split-crotch buffs, what a year it's been, eh? With lingerie getting naughtier and more inventive by the day one can hardly keep abreast of it. If you're into foundation garments then the new Regina, without necessary straps and hurtful buckles, will be for you. (It's also available with the unnecessary straps - and hurtful buckles, extra.) Likewise there's a new combination truss and panty-hose supporter in — yes — leather, or you can buy it in the cheaper vinyls and PVC. Split-crotch panties have taken a giant step for Man into the Space Age of Naughty Underwear with the Buzz Aldrin Briefs, which open up easily for I'm sorry to butt in like this, but I'm the Editor and I'd like to apologize for the cluttered and messy appearance of this page. This is due not only to the lateness of delivery of material, but I'm afraid I must say this, a certain amount of bickering amongst the writers. If I may say so without appearing bitchy, one or two little overblown egos have been at work, certain precious little writers who think they're bloody Hermann Hesse instead of jumped-up overpaid television scriptwriters who got lucky revealing at the crucial point where they part the face of Buzz Aldrin himself. If you now paste down the edges of the sailor's uniform until the word 'Maudling' is almost totally obscured Hello, I'm a friend of the Editor's and I want just to say how sorry I am that he's got himself into a bit of a mess over this page.

Alas the harsh realities of modern publishing were too much for a man of his sensitivity. Perhaps sensitivity is too kind a word for his particular weakness, perhaps incompetence would be closer to it. In any case I for one never thought he was right for the job. Bitch bitch bitch all day long, and look what she's got for it, a right bloody shambles. Well this is one scrape she can get herself out of and there's plenty of room for one, or even two melons inside, if you wish.

by Simon Tuckwell, a student who has just returned from Indonesia.

Indonesia

Groups active on Indonesian Issues.

Indonesia Study Group convened by Lance Castles. R.S.Pac.S. (ph. 4191)
ANU Development Action. Indonesia study action group, convened by Ann Pickering Bruce Hall (more development oriented)
Committee for Indonesian Political Prisoners, PO Box 333, Prahran VIC 3181.
Education Unit, Australian Council for Overseas Aid, PO Box 1562 Canberra City ph. 476116.

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Showcase State — the illusion of Indonesia's accelerated modernisation edited by Rex Mortimer. Angus and Robertson, March 1974. \$3.25 paperback. An important and disturbing new book
Current Indonesian policies, it argues, are perpetuating the oppression of the majority of Indonesians in the interests of an elite class. However while suggestive, it fails to meet the economic arguments of its critics head-on.
Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies, Australian National University Press (3 issues per annum — \$1 each). Advanced, but essential on economic aspects of Indonesia's current problems.

Far Eastern Economic Review (weekly) informed political and economic comment.

Indonesia — Australia's Involvement published International Development Action, 21 Alfred Crescent, Fitzroy Vic. 3068 in 1972.

Peter Polomka. *Indonesia Since Suharto* (Penguin). Up to date discussion of politics under Suharto's New Order Government. Written in 1971. (now banned in Indonesia).

Development News Digest May 1973 — and March 1974. Available Union Shop.

ACTION

* Write to the Prime Minister, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and your local member expressing your concern about political prisoners and the nature of Australian economic & military aid, and urging the Prime Minister to publicly voice Australian concern on these issues when he visits Jakarta at Easter.

* Write to the Department of Overseas Trade about the need for guidelines for Australian trade with and investment in Indonesia.

Committee for Indonesian Political Prisoners, PO Box 333, Prahran VIC 3131

TAPOL

British campaign for the Release of Indonesian political prisoners. Monthly bulletin \$1.50. 103 Tilehurst Rd, Wardsworth Common, London, SW 18.

BUSH WEEK DIRECTOR 1974

Nominations are hereby called for the above position, to reach the President of the Students Association by 4pm, Monday April 8th.

Elections for this position will be held at the next Students Association meeting after the close of nominations.

It is now amply clear that the bloody riots which shook Jakarta when Tanaka was there (the official death toll was 11), were directed more at the Indonesian President and his circle than at their Japanese guest. But the forces which produced the massive upheaval are only now coming into view. The official blame for instigating the '15th January affair', which left many of Jakarta's showpiece buildings wrecked, has been placed, somewhat curiously, on the Masjumi and Socialist Party (P.S.I.), two pro-Western parties which Sukarno banned in 1961 and Suharto refused to legalize. Most of the real questions lie elsewhere.

Many of them centre on the country's No. 2 general, Sumitro, the Security & Order Commander (Kopkamtib), previously known as the tough figure of the regime. Why did Sumitro decide to tour university cities in November and December, telling students that he could understand their grievances and was himself concerned that there should be a 'new pattern of leadership'? Sumitro's initiative came in the wake of Thailand's student demonstrations, which had resulted in the ousting of that country's trinity of top figures, and there is no doubt that they emboldened the Indonesian students immensely. Was Sumitro then planning to use the Indonesian students' grievances to effect a Thai-style coup either against his long-time rivals, General Ali Murtopo and General Sudjono Humardani, or against Suharto himself?

Was he perhaps being pushed into action by officers, cleaner and younger than he, who were determined that the army should respond positively to the anti-corruption and anti-foreign business climate that was sweeping the country?

Or did Sumitro's initiative for his role come from Suharto himself? Was it a case of a defusing mechanism running out of control? Mochtar Lubis' daily 'Indonesia Raya' made the apprehensive comparison very early with China's period of 'Let a Hundred Flowers Bloom' in 1957, when criticisms were encouraged, only to be suppressed when they assumed flood proportions.

Whatever Sumitro's motives, it is clear that the Indonesian student movement which emerged at the end of last year was vastly more powerful and determined and linked to mass grievances than anything the country had seen since 1966-67.

The last meaningful student protest had occurred at the end of 1971 and early in 1972. The issue was Madame Tien Suharto's refusal to back down on 'Indonesia in Miniature', a multi-million-dollar Disneyland style tourist project. Apparently believing herself the re-incarnation of a princess of the glorious Madjapahit kingdom a few centuries ago, the President's wife wanted to have her image imprinted in the minds of future generations with this creation. The student movement which challenged her had considerable

press support, but never considered organizing the masses. The students behind the movement saw their actions as a rectification campaign only, urging Suharto's government to refrain from wealth and luxury. The leadership was a bunch of idealists who refused to move beyond 'moral force' politics. Aware that rival factions of generals could easily exploit them they decided to disband rather than be infiltrated.

In contrast to the above situation the students this time were in a more difficult position. They could not afford to retreat once the agitation of the masses reached its momentum. Mounting dissatisfaction with unpopular economic policies of the Suharto regime were also more widespread than years before. It is therefore not

that the recent student upheavals sparked off a movement with multiple aims. Militant youth and student groups in other capital cities of the provinces, like Medan, Padang, Yogyakarta, Bandung and Surabaya followed suit in stirring the local scenes. In Solo students demonstrated against bungling in the nomination of a new mayor. Demonstrators in Surabaya succeeded in effecting the resignation of 12 members of the regional parliament for receiving kickbacks from certain businessmen. In Yogyakarta, the cradle of Gadjah Mada University, the target was collusion practices between local authorities and vested interests groups who commanded food logistics supplies. So it transformed into an all-out protest campaign against abuses from the side of the establishment.

The picture became a bit confusing when youth and student groups under different names demonstrated on the streets. Right at the outset, (in November) on the arrival of the Dutch Minister for Overseas Aid, Pronk, the prime target was the technocrats. The Berkeley trained economists, often hailed in Western circles as the 'pillars' of the government (for their bargaining position vis-a-vis creditor countries), were certainly not too popular with the masses. The common people were fed up with the paraphernalia of stabilization policies which only marginally benefited them, if any. They were also not too much interested in the tenets of balanced economic development according to the prescriptions of the World Bank and the I.M.F. Further, technocrats no longer could evade direct responsibility once they had taken up cabinet portfolios in 1972.

So it happened that in a wave of resurgent nationalism students challenged the technocrats for the 'wrong' strategy of development. The economic planners were blamed for their neglect concerning the lopsided economy, resulting in an ever-widening gap between the ever and the have-nots.

At a somewhat later stage other student groups entered the arena, trying to protect the technocrats from over-exposure. They suggested that the poor economic performance so far

could not entirely be blamed on the technocrats. This group of demonstrators voiced the opinion that besides the action campaign there was in operation something like an 'invisible mechanism'. A clique of tough profiteers and mafioso style lobbyists were surrounding President Suharto and acting like a 'shadow' government. In the end student leaders stated bluntly that they meant nobody else than the so-called Aspris or the President's personal aides who were yielding too much power. Ali Murtopo and Sudjono Humardani from then on became the focus of student attacks, so that one week before Mr Tanaka's arrival hundreds of effigies depicting both generals were burned together with other puppets of the Ugly Japanese.

The most notorious power centre in present-day Indonesia is OPSUS (Special Operations), an intelligence outfit run by a handful of senior officers and civilian strategists under the command of General Ali Murtopo and General Sudjono Humardani. The latter heads the Tokyo Lobby. Both officers were close aides to Suharto when he was active in the Army's Strategic Command unit in the sixties. Ali Murtopo is in charge of political affairs, and his machinations resulted in the depoliticization of post-Sukarno Indonesia. People working on the Opsus staff excel in cloak-and-dagger activities. They include a crowd of academics acting as a braintrust. Their front organization, the 'Centre for Strategic and International Studies' (CSIS) publishes the 'Indonesian Quarterly'. Being closely associated with other strategic studies centres abroad Opsus manipulates this centre to shroud their activities under some kind of academic aura.

Sudjono's Tokyo Lobby is part of the Opsus tentacles. In fact, their counterpart in Japan was the Fukuda group, not the present group with Tanaka as prime minister. In May 1972, only a few weeks before Sato's departure from office, Suharto travelled incognito to Japan accompanied by General Sudjono. Their aim was to pledge support for Fukuda, who unluckily was not on the winning side. Until now the Tokyo Lobby is not only interfering in economic matters, but it is also responsible for co-drafting Indonesia's diplomacy. In December the CSIS hosted a top level conference in Jakarta on the future of Indonesian-Japanese relations. The brains in Opsus favoured for a long time a strategy to encircle China by creating regional frameworks like ASEAN, a South Pacific Federation, where by Indonesia, Australia and Japan would play the big power game as one front against Peking. In October last year this idea was sold to the Whitlam government by General Ali Murtopo and Foreign Minister Adam Malik.

General Sudjono Humardani usually could bypass the technocrats' approval on many foreign investment projects where Japanese capital was involved. A minor incident but with far-reaching damage as a result was the electricity shortage in Jakarta and West Java by the end of 1972. Minister Sutami, an engineer and one of the civilian ministers close to the technocrats opted for replacements of electric power machinery from Western Europe, but the Tokyo Lobby was against it. General Sudjono suggested to Suharto in private to have Japanese interests coming in.

A sideline of the campaign against Japanese capital was the concurrent anti-Chinese manifestations. The Toyota show-rooms and workshops burned to the ground during the recent upheavals were a joint-venture with Indonesian Chinese capital, (Astra Corporation), where the palace represented by Madame Tien Suharto has many interests. Indigenous business circles who missed out on deals with foreign investors disliked the situation whereby non-indigenous Chinese merchants or Tjukongs reap big profits. The term Tjukong implied that some kind of patron-client relationship existed between the non-indigenous Chinese and the indigenous bureaucrats.

Immediately after Sukarno's downfall in 1966, the cream of the so-called '1966 Generation' sold themselves out to the Establishment by accepting seats in Parliament. Many other student and youth leaders joined Golkar, the only party framework which came out victorious from the 1971 Opsus-rigged General Elections. Having command over unlimited financial



resources and facilities, Opsus could easily stifle radicalist tendencies by offering attractive jobs and lucrative deals. It was not surprising that being deprived of proper leadership the masses of youth and students floated in limbo.

In fact, long before General Sumitro tried to win the heart of restive students, it was General Ali Murtopo who frequently toured provincial capital cities and campuses. One of the efforts to 'domesticate' youth and student rebellion was the proposal to set up a National Youth Council (KNP) under the aegis of Opsus. In charge for this body is David Napitupulu, one of the student leaders who became a top Golkar and Opsus official. It was also this figure who tried to divert the attention of demonstrators when both Ali Murtopo and Sudjono came under fire. He organized counter-demonstrations to challenge the technocrats and the executives of Indonesia's Central Bank.

At present it looks as if General Ali Murtopo survived the first round of the power struggle. The one who is on the receiving end is General Sumitro, stripped of his special powers as Kopkamtib Commander. However, according to many Jakarta watchers the situation is still fluid and unstable. The decisive turn will not come until a regional commanders' meeting to be held sometime this month.

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Out of the 800 arrested during the riots about 45 will be tried soon. They include student leaders like Hariman Siregar, as well as politicians and academics like Hadji Princen, Buyung Nasution (lawyer), Dorodjatun Kuntjoroayakti (economist), and many others. These people will face serious charges, such as attempting to overthrow the government. Under the 1963 Special Law on Subversions they could face a maximum penalty of 20 years or the death penalty itself.

The Indonesian press was victimized, too. No less than 5 newspapers and 3 magazines were banned without pardon. In the meantime, the Indonesian press accepted all government restrictions like God's grace. No wonder, Opsus is firmly entrenched within the world of the newsmedia. Apart from the Golkar newspaper 'Saura Karya' and the English language daily 'New Standard' other popular publications like the 'Ekspres' weekly, the 'Progres' bi-weekly, and other media have been transformed into Opsus mouthpieces in the last couple of years. The executive of the national journalists association PWI, is wholly in the hands of Opsus agents.

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THE DISCREET CHARM OF THE BOURGEOISIE. Boulevard.

O LUCKY MAN. Centre Cinema.

Anybody going to this film and expecting to see again the brilliance of Bunel's earlier masterpiece *Exterminating Angel* will be disappointed. For here is a film of sharp perception and witty analysis whose conclusion falls short of its own observations.

In a series of pithy and sometimes devastating scenes, the idiosyncrasies of a particular group of bourgeois are expanded to create a picture of a whole class whose peculiar "charm" is not just ludicrous but also quite vicious. The main characters live out their idle and expensive lives in an almost unreal world held together by a fragile web of rules and etiquette. The only intrusion reality can make to upset their plans is in dream/fantasy situations and even then it fails to penetrate their elegant bourgeois existence.

This film fails where it should succeed by strengthening the shell of that existence. These people maintain themselves by murder, deception, narcotics trafficking and outright exploitation; their morals and values are based solely on self-indulgence and the denigration of those below them. This Bunel makes crystal clear. Yet he is only telling us something we already know. At least in *Exterminating Angel* he had them destroy themselves. In *Discreet Charm* their position remains unresolved, they may well stay where they are forever. This is a film which in the end capitulates to the enemy it conjures so vividly.

Shane Maloney.

Reviewing books and films is a task that in the past I've undertaken with the necessary zest and the right amount of good honest irreverence. It is rarely that I lay my pen aside and admit the impossibility of reviewing anything. Such an occasion arises however with "O Lucky Man". Why, you may ask — reason, 'O Lucky Man' is the best film I've even seen. "Pooh-pooh" you may say — But no — it really is that good and if by making this statement I hasten Macdowells rise to the status of Folk Hero then all the better.

Just to be true to form there is one aspect of the film that deserves comment namely its almost frightening cynicism. The Scientist who believes he can save the world, the Social Workers, (whose work is never done), the Pop Group who practice hard yet only their Manager is rich, are all subjects who are made to look absurd by the films brutal cynicism. It seems that there are only two winners. The cruel and ruthless tycoon (played superbly by Ralph Richardson) and MacDowell himself. The tycoon wins because he knows the rules and MacDowell because he learns the rules. The impact is such that any reform minded young person will be left senseless and mouthing drivels about "trying harder". However as the best thing bourgeois art can hope to be is clever; it is clever — in fact it is the cleverest piece of bourgeois art I've seen.

Andrew Benjamin.



Growford's Cousin, Tijuana Jack (M.-L.)

GOODBYE SAILOR

by The Gay Blade

Now kiddies I am going to tell you a little story about, h-h-homosexuals, yes, them!

Some freshers may have come into contact with the few 'open' homosexuals on campus, others may have seen a group fitting this description: males and females having fun laughing in an outrageous manner and perhaps casing the joint for good looking bodies. Then again you just may have been told by parents or the like to beware of the millions of poofters and dykes that just 'mill' around universities. If, however by some freak of a chance you have had the opportunity of meeting homosexuals on personal grounds then perhaps your conception of them is hopefully different from the general muck of opinion.

It amazes me as a homosexual in an institution that is supposed to engender enquiry free from values and preconceptions, that I can come across instances of gross ignorance and prejudice. These range from graffiti (perhaps the ubiquitous Count Graffiti is a closet poofter basher?) that suggests, "All poofters should be strung up by the balls till they scream for heterosexuality" through to official prejudice even to physical molestation.

ages personal constraint and material gain. The attitude to heterosexual sex is now openly breaking out of the confines of marriage, thanks perhaps to the pill and the so called permissive age! (I certainly don't have much opportunity to be permissive on this Gay forsaken campus.) What must be done, is for us to become liberated (I know that this may sound a little banal, but it is essentially true.), straight gay, ambi, auto hetro and homosexual from the taboos of religion, (I haven't been turned into a pillar of salt yet, but I would have loved to have been in Sodom) society and our parents. In a world where the equation of resources and population is not such as esoteric hypothesis surely there should be a serious and genuine reappraisal of marriage and its concomitant mores of sexuality.

To try and reprint the myriad of arguments that denigrate homosexuality to the level of a moral disease would be useless. No doubt you've heard them sprouted by some boozed dick head and some of you, (providing that is if your still with me) probably believe them. The dick-head sprouting these slanders might be big and brawny (and dull) or weedy and slimy and equally dull, he



At the best of times most people on campus are going to tolerate the outward existence of homosexuals. What people must realise is that homosexuality is not a sickness or a psychological hang-up. It is merely the ability to show physical and emotional affection to a person of the same sex. Everyone has some feeling of sexual awareness that is in essence homosexual. This can range from a 'crush' on a prefect, sportsman, or teacher, to being drunk at a party and actual physical contact. (Embarrassed gasp!!) There is every chance that you might have a child who has the strength of conviction and personality to overcome the pervasive nature of our socialisation process, and hopefully he/she might confide in you, the parent of their homosexuality. You can hardly resort to bashing your own children, or course there is always putting them to sleep, (idea!)

As a generation we have the ability to change the mores and values of the society into which we were born. The societal attitudes to sexuality are so riddled with prejudices that perhaps, here, is one of the cornerstones of a society that encour-

usually hangs around with a group of similar disposition. He might have a name like stick or brick or something equally earthy. The name I surmise stems from consistency of their grey matter and he usually has the maturity of a twelve year old. (Not that I have anything against twelve year olds!) But, generally he does have a habit of saying the homosexuals are mentally ill.

Like any deviance homosexuality is catalogued as a mental illness to 'protect' the majority from their own clouded sexuality. In other words our friend dick-head is trying to assert his masculinity, by bashing a few queers to show his peer group that he is a real man. In this case the peer group is the other four cretins.

It might be hoped, especially by me, that people on campus might try to understand and know homosexuality and homosexuals. Because it is through knowledge (and fuck that is what we're here for, isn't it?) that you just might be able to become aware of homosexuality as nothing different from heterosexuality. Thus homosexuality would be totally accepted within the context of a wider norm of sexuality.

The Myth of the Male Orgasm

At last. After the reams written about women and the Big O, a voice is raised on behalf of a misunderstood minority. Men can now stop lying and face their destiny, unafraid

by Bette-Jane Raphael

Is there such a thing as male orgasm? For decades, scientists have argued about it, written tracts about it, philosophized about it, and, in more recent years, conducted countless studies. But as Dr. Mary Jane Grunge, president of SMOS (The Society for Male Orgasmic Studies) said in her opening statement of the society's ninth annual cook-out: "We still don't know."

But do we? Recent findings by Dr. Fern Herpes and her colleague, Dr. Lavinia Shoot, indicate that the mystery is at least on the brink of being unmasked. Working under a grant from NASA, which was disturbed by the cleaning bills for its last Apollo mission, Dr Herpes and Dr Shoot conducted a study of 300 middle-class men between the ages of 14 and 23. Their findings seem to indicate that not only is there a male orgasm, there may actually be two distinct kinds.

While 43 percent of the men in the Herpes/Shoot study were found to have trouble attaining orgasm consistently, or did not attain orgasm at all, and while another 4% percent had no opinion, a whopping 50% percent (four men fell asleep during their interviews, which accounts for the other two percent) admitted they had two distinctly different kinds of orgasms. After careful questioning, psychological testing, and physical examinations, Dr. Herpes came to the following conclusion (Dr. Shoot came to a different conclusion and left in a huff): there are two types of male orgasm. For purposes of clarification, Dr. Herpes called these penile orgasm and the spherical orgasm.

Of the two orgasms, Dr Herpes hypothesizes that the spherical orgasm is the more mature. "Men who are enamored of their penises, who see their penises as the seat of all sexual pleasure, are just a bunch of babies. I hate them. Only the spherically oriented male can be thought of as mature because he can identify with the female to a much greater extent than the penile-oriented male. Thus the former's identification with his balls, which are the closest thing he has to female breasts."

Dr Shoot, who consented to speak in rebuttal to Dr Herpes, had this to say: "That woman is crazy. Men don't have two types of orgasm. They just think they do. My own findings reveal that they don't even have one kind of orgasm. Actually, there is no such thing as the male orgasm. What passes for orgasm in the male is really a mild form of St. Vitus dance. This afflicts more than 55 percent of the male population in this country, and if Herpes wasn't so hipped on orgasm she'd admit she's wrong. But as far as she's concerned, everything is orgasm!"

It should be noted that Dr Amelia Leviathan is in close agreement with Dr Shoot. She too believes that what passes for male orgasm is actually a disease. But contrary to Dr Shoot, she believes the affliction is actually a form of epilepsy localized in the groin. She feels she proved this in her much publicized recent study of 100 male rats, 50 of whom had epilepsy. The epileptic rats, Dr Leviathan found, could mate with the female rats, even if the female rats didn't want to. The nonepileptic rats just sat around exposing themselves.

Confusing the question of male orgasm even further is Dr Jennifer Anis, who conducted a study of nearly 700 married males in their late 20s and 30s. According to the results of her study, the issue

of male orgasmic or nonorgasmic capacity is clouded by the fact that many men simulate orgasm in order to please their partners. Nearly 25 percent of the men in the Anis group admitted they had at some time in their marriage faked orgasm either because they were tired, or because they knew their partners would be hurt if they didn't climax, or because they had headaches.

Nearly half the men in the Anis study had mild to severe orgasmic difficulties. (It was this group, incidentally, whose psychological profiles appeared in Dr Anis's widely acclaimed paper, "The Prostate, the Penis, and You-oo", wherein it was revealed that all the orgasmically troubled men shared a common fear of their mothers' cuticles, a hatred of Speed-writing ads in subways, and a horror of certain kinds of peaked gold hats.) What has not been revealed until now, however, is that a great many of these men lead perfectly satisfactory sex lives without orgasm, a finding which would seem to

put to rest the theory that men must achieve orgasm in order to enjoy sex.

Well, if men can enjoy sex without orgasm, can they also become fathers without achieving climax? Here again the answer is by no means clear. Dr Herpes and Dr Shoot, of course, disagree. Dr Shoot says yes, they can, if they think they can. Dr Herpes says no, not unless they have either a penile or a spherical orgasm. Dr Anis believes they can fake it.

Lastly there is the question of the multiple orgasm. Do men have them? Unfortunately, here we are still very much in the dark. The only person ever to do research in this area was Dr Helen Hager-Bamf, in 1971. From January through April of that year Dr Hager-Bamf personally tested more than 3,000 randomly selected men for duration and number of orgasms. Tragically dead at the age of 28, she never recorded her findings.

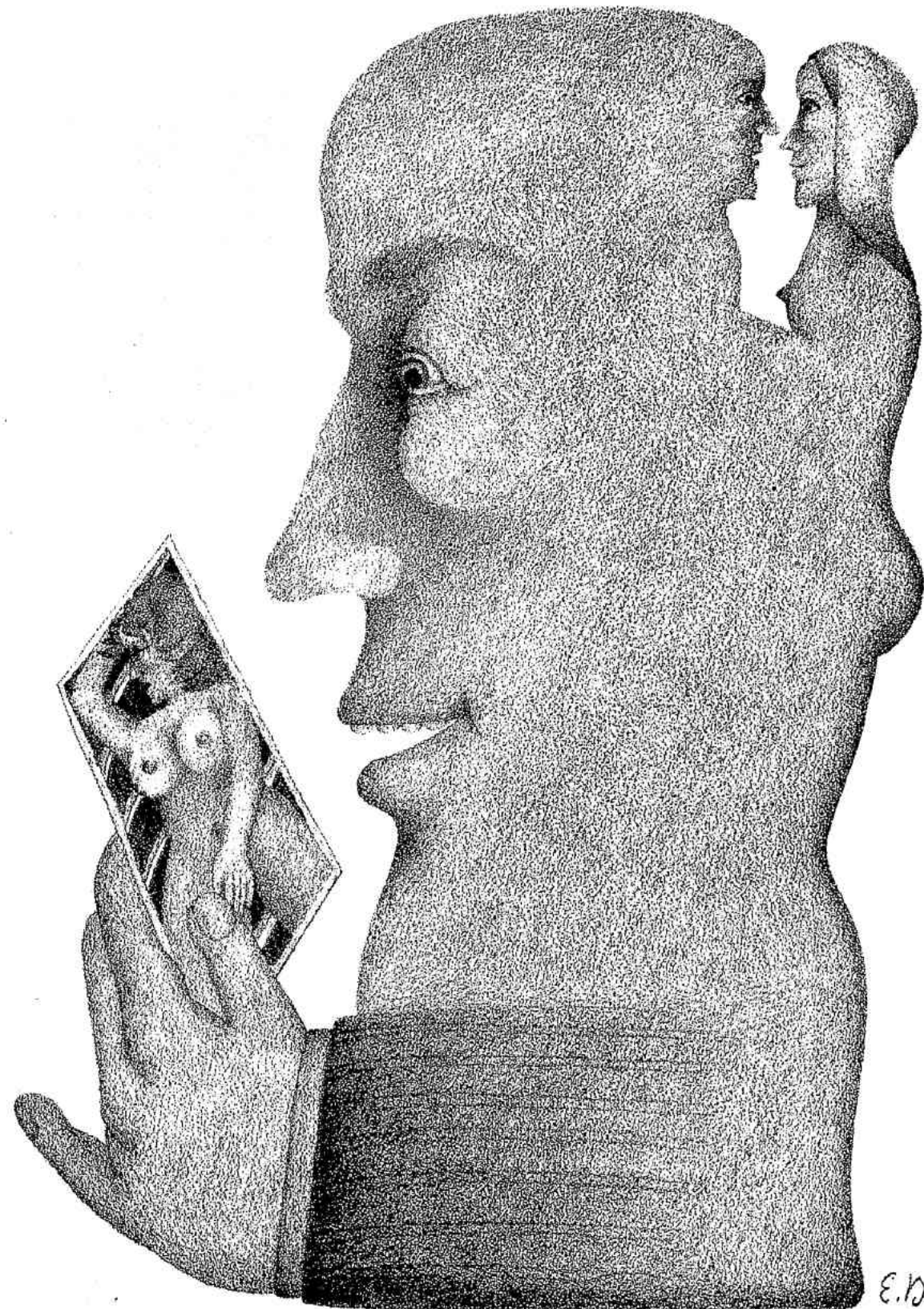
So where do we stand? Is there such

a thing as male orgasm? Can men enjoy sex without it? Is a low orgasmic capacity psychologically or physiologically induced? To quote Dr Grunge at her recent press conference, "Who knows?"

Perhaps the answers are not as important as the fact that the questions are finally being taken seriously. So that, someday, the boy who sells shoes, the young fellow in upholstery, and the man who sews alligators on shirts will no longer have to walk around in perplexity, confused and unnerved by the myth of the male orgasm.

When that day arrives, perhaps male sexuality will come out of the bathroom and into the bedroom where it belongs.

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David Buchanan makes a point



Mark Tier votes 'no'

David Austen

A.U.S. RESOLUTIONS

Nearly 400 people packed the Union Refectory last Wednesday night to debate the controversial AUS motions on Palestine. Of the eleven motions submitted for ratification, only two were carried. They were: "That AUS examine the student unions of the Arab regimes to ascertain whether they are progressive organizations or simply apologists for their various reactionary regimes" and "That any realistic settlement of the Middle East problem must accommodate the rights of the Palestinians in order to have any chance of resulting in permanent peace."

It is rather strange that the meeting chose to reject the motion condemning both sides for their degradation and exploitation of the Palestinian refugees. This decision was probably the result of a certain amount of confusion over the sequence of motions early in the meeting. However it was overwhelmingly clear that the majority of students at that meeting saw the motions in the light of Arabs v Israelis, and took the Israeli side.

One of the principal complaints voiced by many students about the AUS motions was that while in many cases the sentiments they expressed were quite acceptable, the wording of the actual motions was such that they could not support them. Since AUS motions for constituent ratification cannot be amended, this is a criticism which AUS should note. There is no doubt that some of the motions were sloppily drafted or contained quite incongruous ideas. For some students, rejection of the motions was a matter of semantics rather than ideology.

It would be fallacious to imply that this motivated the vast majority, however. The debate was conducted in an atmosphere of emotionalism which boded ill for rationality. Everybody was bending over backwards to avoid saying anything which could be construed as anti-Semitic. Since some of the less scrupulous members of the Zionist lobby implied that to be anti-Israel was to be anti-Semitic, this was rather difficult at times.

Israel has always enjoyed support from influential sections of the Australian community. Apart from an active Jewish lobby, many groups from trade unions to businessmen have expressed support for Israel in the past. Hence the anti-Israeli motions have been defeated on most campuses around Australia.

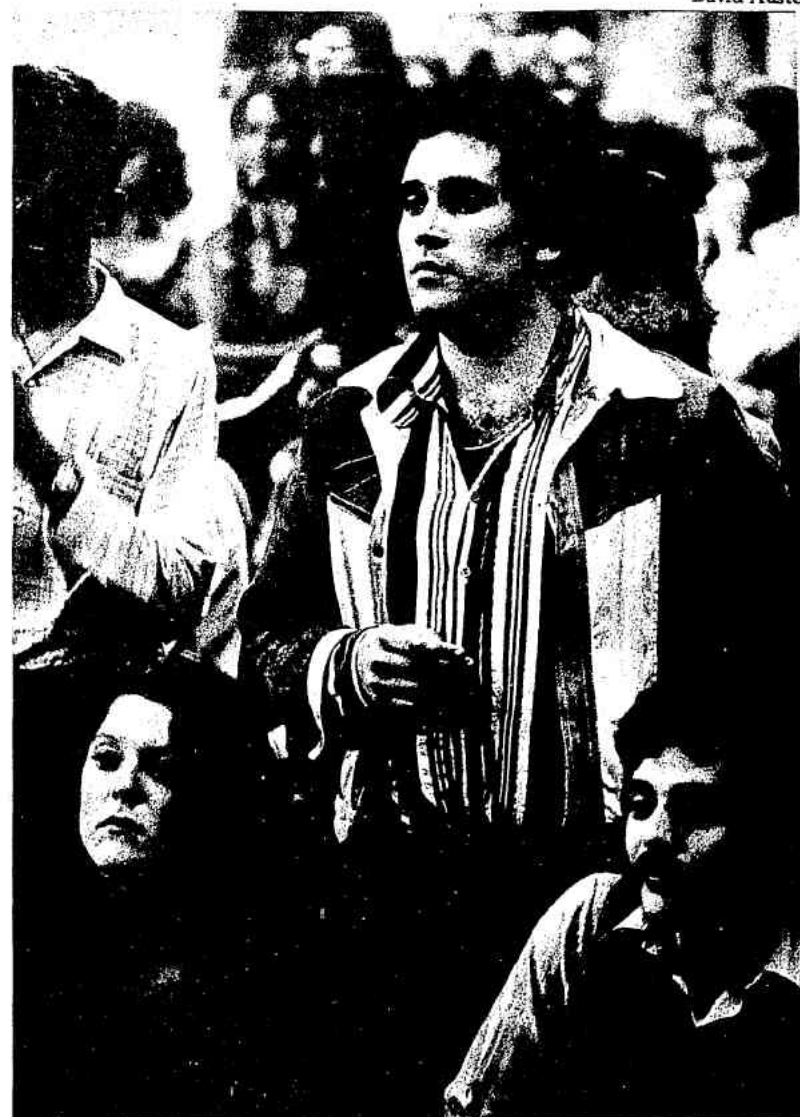
It is the motions concerning the Palestinians which have been passed on many campuses, ironically because their

supporters have used almost exactly the same arguments that the Zionists have used in the past to promote the Jewish cause. The parallels are obvious.

The furor caused by the motions all over Australia has resulted in students being forced to take a stand and to debate the issues. In terms of raising the political consciousness of students, it has been a good thing. Above all it has demonstrated the gutlessness of Whitlam's "even-handed" approach to the question. Clearly, there are strong views in the Australian community on both sides of the issue. To pretend that it does not exist is political opportunism of the worst kind.

Jo-anne Langenberg

Prominent figures in the No case - Robert Somosi and Allan Bowen-James



David Austen

8.1 That any realistic settlement of the Middle East problem must accommodate the rights of the Palestinians in order to have any chance of resulting in permanent peace.

PASSED

8.2 AUS condemns the exploitation and degradation of the Palestinian people

as carried out by the Arab nations and by Israel.

LOST

8.3 That AUS recognise the General Union of Palestinian Students (GUPS) as a legal student union in that area of the Middle East known as Israel, (in reality occupied Palestine).

LOST

8.4 That AUS examine the student unions of the Arab regimes to ascertain whether they are progressive organisations or simply apologists for their various reactionary regimes.

PASSED

8.5 That AUS having met in full council no longer believes that NUIS should be recognised as a member of the Asian Student Association (ASA) and rather believes that the GUPS and Arab student unions or any non-Zionist student organisation should be recognised in their place

LOST

8.6 That AUS open a dialogue with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation in Beirut with a view to disseminate literature on the resistance through the organs open to AUS.

LOST

8.7 That the Palestinian people have the historical, cultural and moral right to the land of Palestine presently embraced by Israel.

LOST

8.8 The AUS calls for the release of all members of the Palestinian resistance held in jails in occupied Palestine (Israel), and other Arab countries and Greece. This includes all Jewish political prisoners not officially members of the PLO held in occupied Palestine.

LOST

8.9 That AUS support the liberation forces of Palestine.

LOST

8.10 AUS informs the National Union of Israeli Students (NUIS) that AUS does not recognise the existence of the State of Israel or of NUIS as the official students' union in that region.

LOST

8.11 That copies of these motions, re NUIS, be sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Israeli Embassy Australia, and the PLO.

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